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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 16, 2001, the applicants elect, with traverse, species 2a (SEQ ID. NOs:1 and 2) for initial examination in the above. Claims 47, 49, 50, 91-95, and 97-99 read on the elected species. The applicants request the Examiner broaden the search to include a more reasonable number of species after patentability of the elected species has been established. Moreover, the applicants note the Examiner's comments that upon allowance of a generic claim the applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim. An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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